Media Release

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Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Minister for Suburban Development



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BOOST FOR LANDCARE GRANTS ACROSS VICTORIA

The Andrews Labor Government is helping environmental groups protect and restore Victoria's land and environment.

Minister for Energy, Environment & Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today announced that environmental volunteer groups can now access grants up to \$20,000 as part of the 2018/19 *Victorian Landcare Grants*.

The grants are available to Landcare, Friends of Coastcare and other environment volunteer groups to support the important work they do in protecting and restoring our land and environment.

This funding will be delivered through Victoria's 10 catchment management authorities, who will coordinate applications from Landcare and other environmental volunteer groups and networks.

The Labor Government also supports Landcare with funding for 78 facilitators, 10 regional coordinators and communications including the Victorian Landcare magazine, Victorian Landcare awards and Landcare Gateway website.

The Victorian Landcare Grants support the implementation of *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037*, the Labor Government's long-term plan to protect our environment.

For more information on the grants go to environment.vic.gov.au/grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"These grants are another small but important way that we're supporting the community and volunteer groups give back to the environment."

"Since it started more than 30 years ago, Landcare has made a vital contribution to Victoria's environment and we're helping them continue to deliver this important work."